

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed February 14, 2003. With this Response, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-20, 34-35, 41, 45, and 48-49. Claims 21-33, 36-40, 42-44 and 46-47 are pending in this application. It is noted that Applicant has amended and cancelled the above-identified claims solely to advance prosecution of the instant application and to obtain allowance on allowable claims at the earliest possible date. Accordingly, no admission may be inferred from the amendments of claims herein. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the originally filed claims in the future.

Claims 21-33 and 36-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. With regard to claims 22, 32, and 36, the Examiner noted that "the monitor" lacked proper antecedent basis. With this amendment, Applicant has added the text -- for supporting a monitor -- to each of the identified claims in order to provide the necessary antecedent basis.

With regard to claim 22, the Examiner noted that "the cam surface profile" lacked proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 22 by canceling the word "surface."

With regard to claim 23, the Examiner noted that "the at least one cam follower" lacked proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 23 by canceling the phrase "at least one."

With regard to claims 25 and 36, the Examiner noted that "the axis of motion" lacked proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicant has amended these claims by replacing the article "the" with the article "an."

With regard to claim 31, the Examiner noted that the pronoun "it" should be replaced with a proper noun to avoid any ambiguity. Accordingly, Applicant has replaced the text "it" with the text "the friction force".

With regard to claim 39, the Examiner noted that "the direction" and "the axis of motion" lacked proper antecedent basis. Applicant has replaced these phrases with "a direction" and "an axis of motion", respectively.

With regard to claim 44, the Examiner noted that "the cam follower guide angle" lacked proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicant has amended this claim by striking the word "angle."

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 22-23 and 36-40 would allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office Action. In light of the amendments described above, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also indicated that claims 21, 42-44, 46 and 47 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With this response, Applicant has amended each of the above-identified claims to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are now in condition for allowance.


With regard to the formal drawings submitted February 11, 2002, the Examiner noted that no description was provided for figure 9C and that no formal drawing corresponding to figure descriptions 3C and 3D were provided. With this amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to include a description of figure 9C. Applicant has also submitted a new set of formal

drawings with this amendment. This new set of formal drawings includes drawings corresponding to figure descriptions 3C and 3D.

In the office action, the Examiner indicated that the information referred to in the information disclosure statement filed February 11, 2002 has been considered. Applicant notes, however, that a line has been drawn through U.S. Pat. No. 6,189,849 on page 3 of the form PTO-1449. With this response, Applicant has included a clean copy of the form PTO-1449 and an additional copy of U.S. Pat. No. 6,189,849. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial the form PTO-1449 indicating that U.S. Pat. No. 6,189,849 has been considered.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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